



Captured in infrared light by NASA's James Webb Space Telescope, this image reveals previously invisible areas of star birth. Image Credit: NASA, ESA, CSA, and STScI

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UNITED CHURCH
of **PITTSFORD**

American Baptist & United Methodist

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*A hearing loop is available for the hearing impaired.
Please ask the ushers if you need assistance.*

** Those who are able may stand.*

PRELUDE

Musical Selection

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN #350 (ALL)** Come, All of You

***PRAYER OF GATHERING** (*in unison*)

Help us, O God, to come into this place with calm, unhurried minds. There are so many items on our to do list that often we forget to simply be exactly where we are. Bring us into this present moment, Holy One, so that we may truly feel your presence, and the presence of community around us. We give you thanks for this moment, for this place and this time when we can join in celebration of your love and mercy together. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us rejoice today in God's presence.

All: Let us sing praises to God.

One: Let God rise up and drive away all despair.

All: Let us sing praises to God.

One: Let us praise our God who protects those left on the margins.

All: Let us sing praises to God.

One: Let us praise our God who brings us unity and prosperity.

All: Let all heaven and earth sing praises to God.

***UNISON READING**

Help us, Holy One, to recognize more of you in the world around us: in the homeless and hungry, in each flower and refreshing breeze, in all the places and ones in which you dwell with us We know that you are faithful, God, and that

when we stop and recognize you, we are a forgiven and blessed people. Amen.

***HYMN #181 (1,3,4)** Ye Servants of God

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-14 NRSV

***MEDITATION HYMN #351 (1,2,4)**
Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

GOSPEL/MORNING MESSAGE

John 17:1-11 NRSV

“A FINAL REQUEST”

Pastor Rev. Julius David Jackson, Jr.

***INVITATION HYMN #355 (1,2,5)** Depth of Mercy

MORNING PRAYERS/ SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastoral Prayer

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Musical Selection*

***Response:** #95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Prayer of Dedication for Offering**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #672 (1)**
God Be With You Till We Meet Again

BENEDICTION

*CLOSING HYMN Amen

POSTLUDE *Musical Selection*

~ Those who are able may stand! ~

Announcements

Please join us for coffee in Howard Hall after service.

Calendar

Sun., May 24 Pentecost Sunday – Wear **RED**

Sun., June 7 Lemonade on the Lawn Begins

Sun., June 14 UCP Photoboard Sessions

Lemonade on The Lawn Begins 6/7

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Photoboard Session on 6/14

Mark your calendars and SMILE! On Sunday, June 14th, Richard Ashworth will take new photos in Howard Hall after the Worship Service. (Photos will also be available for purchase.) There's no need to sign up – just put it on your calendar, turn up and smile! Questions? Call Richard at 381-2189. (See graphic.)

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday (May 24, 2026)

Acts 2:1-21;

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b - 13;

John 20:19-23

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Questions?

Please contact Donella (381-2189).

THANK YOU!

The Power of Prayer - and the UCP Prayer Chain

There are many lists describing the power of prayer. One common power given is: Prayer is a way to help others. There are two ways this is true. One is to pray with someone and the other is to pray for someone.

“Pray for one another, that you may be healed.” James 5:16

The UCP Prayer Chain is our church community's way to support others and, in some ways, ourselves in times when prayers are needed. While we share both our joys and concerns in the worship services, the chain is intended only for concerns needing prayers for support.

How do I request a prayer? If you have a prayer request, you may email Donella Ashworth at (Donella@rochester.rr.com) or call (585-766-9126). She will forward the requests to the Prayer Chain.

What and Who is the Prayer Chain? The chain is an email list used to forward prayer requests. Members of UCP are the volunteer members of the chain. Members both learn of the needs of others in our church community and sometimes beyond, and, in their own prayer ways, request support for those in need.

How do I join the UCP Prayer Chain? Very simple! If you want to join the existing UCP Prayer Chain, send an email to Donella Ashworth at (Donella@rochester.rr.com) or call (585-766-9126). She will add you to the mailing list, and you will receive the requests as they arrive.



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Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Ways to Give

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A secure way to make single donations or annual contributions.
Just choose a fund.

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Scan this code with the photo feature of your cell phone and it will take you directly to UCP's secure giving page at ucpittsford.org/give.



Mail A Check

Please make checks payable to The United Church of Pittsford.
Mail to 123 S. Main St., Pittsford, NY 14534

Give In Person

Giving envelopes are available in the pews.

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